CCHS Students Playing Games to Cure Sick Children

This May, Seniors Dylan and Connor Murray, and Junior Ethan Desmond held a 12-hour video

game marathon challenge run as a training preparation for the annual Extra Life charity event to heal sick kids.

Several times a year, a charity event known as Extra Life takes place all over the world. For twenty four hours, participants play video games nonstop to help heal sick kids at local children’s hospitals through charitable donations at extralife.com. Much like a walkathon, supporters sponsor for each hour played. This year, this team of brave students has taken up the controller to do their part for the kids.

“We needed to get warmed up for the big event this July, and we could think of no better way than with The Legend of Zelda, Ocarina of Time, the video game of our collective childhoods” said Dylan Murray. “We met at 7 AM, set up a bunch of rules and requirements for the contest, powered up the game systems and said ‘Go!’

With a stockpile of pizza and Dr. Pepper, and a live feed broadcasting online, the combatants raced for a grand total of twelve hours. At the end of the twelve hour run, no decisive winner could be declared, as no one participant had come anywhere close to finishing the list of requirements.

“As much as I love Legend of Zelda, this absolutely trumps any other instance of me playing it for a prolonged time period,” said Desmond. “There’s something about the combination of good food, hilarious Zelda-puns, the pressure and excitement of a race, and the good it’ll end up doing for the children that just makes me crave the next round.”

While this event may have pitted the teammates against one another, the crew (known as the Broforce of Power), plans on playing WITH one another during the main event this July.

“We had a lot of fun, yes, but we can’t have the pressure on for a fully twenty four hours,” said Murray. “This was just a half run, and we were all exhausted enough. For the big show, we plan on encouraging one another nonstop. It’s the only way we’ll be able to power through the twenty-fourth hour.”

The Broforce of Power is now accepting donations for their team at extralife.com.

“Anything anyone can spare is really all we can ask,” said Murray. “As much fun as we’ll be having, we always have to think of the kids we’ll be helping. A dollar an hour, maybe a smoothie swung by as the day goes on and the gaming gets difficult. Maybe go even further! Start your own team, come up with a hilarious video game pun, and help save some kids for yourself. It’s all for the children.”

When asked about what games they have lined up, the Broforce of Power said:

“Look at our name. It’s will ONLY be something Zelda.”